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he was supposed to have. Subject stated it was at that time he indicated to [REDACTED]

and that he was through. Subject stated that [REDACTED] him to become a member-at-large of the Communist Party, but subject rejected this suggestion. Subject stated he has had no further contact with [REDACTED] since that time, nor has he had any contact with the Communist Party [REDACTED]

He stated he has met [REDACTED] on several occasions since then, and has attempted to extract from him an explanation of what transpired concerning his sworn application, [REDACTED] constantly denied all knowledge of such an incident, which has caused the subject to distrust [REDACTED] profoundly.

On February 13, 1958, at Paris, France, the subject executed an application for passport. In that application, the subject stated he was born September 4, 1908 at Natchez, Mississippi, and maintains his residence at 14 rue Monsieur Le Prince, Paris, France. He indicated he has resided outside the United States as follows:

France (May, 1946 to December, 1946)  
France (August, 1947 to August, 1949)  
Argentina  
and France (September, 1949 to date)

Subject stated that he considers Paris, France to be his legal residence and indicated that the date of his return to the United States is indefinite. Subject indicated he was last married at Coytesville, New Jersey on March 12, 1941 to FREDa POPLOWICZ, who was born September 3, 1912 at New York, New York. Subject listed his father as NATHAN WRIGHT, born about 1879 in Mississippi and his mother as ELLA WILSON, born about 1881 in Mississippi. He stated the present whereabouts of his father are unknown, and that his mother presently resides in Chicago, Illinois. He listed as references [REDACTED]

Subject indicated that he desired a passport to permit him to visit France and other countries for the purpose of travel and business.

On February 21, 1958, the Department of State authorized the American Embassy, Paris, to issue a passport to the subject.

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The following information concerning the issuance of previous passports to the subject was set forth in his passport file:

On May 1, 1939, Passport Number 614947 was issued to the subject. In his application for that passport, subject stated he desired to travel to Mexico, England, and France for a visit of one year's duration for the purpose of study and writing.

On September 17, 1940, the subject, by letter to the Passport Office, requested the return of Passport Number 614947 which was taken from him by Immigration authorities at the Mexican border on June 15, 1940. Subject stated that on October 15, 1940, he intends to take a trip to the Soviet Union and will depart from San Francisco en route to Vladivostok via Yokahama. He stated he will be making this trip as an invited guest of the League of Russian Writers and the purpose of the trip will be to study the national minority problems existing in the Soviet Union.

On September 27, 1940, the Passport Office, by letter informed the subject that there was no imperative necessity for his journey to the Soviet Union and that the Department of State was unable to validate his passport for the journey.

On May 13, 1941, subject, by letter to the Passport Office, requested renewal of his Passport Number 614947 in order to permit him to travel to the Soviet Union and China. He stated he intended to depart from the United States at San Francisco on July 21, 1941 for travel to Vladivostok via Kobe, Japan. Subject stated the purpose of his trip would be to write news articles for the Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

On June 24, 1941, the Passport Office, by letter to the subject, informed him that the Department of State did not believe that accredited American Journalists should be permitted to proceed to the Soviet Union until the Soviet Union was disposed to be more lenient toward the travel of United States representatives.

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On March 9, 1946, subject, by letter to the Passport Office, advised that he intended to travel to France on April 15, 1946. He stated that his wife serves him in the capacity of secretary and research worker, and inasmuch as he is to represent the publication, "Twice a Year", to the French public, writing articles about French literary developments, reestablishing contacts for the distribution of the periodical, and seeking manuscripts for reproduction in America, it was necessary that she accompany him.

On April 29, 1946, Passport Number 64829 was issued to the subject and was validated for travel to France only. On March 16, 1948, subject's passport was renewed for two years. At the time of renewal, the subject stated that he has resided in France since May, 1946, for the purpose of serving as a Correspondent for the Associated Negro Press.

On March 6, 1950, Passport Number 122 was issued to the subject at the American Embassy, Buenos Aires, Argentina. In his application for that passport, the subject stated he desired a passport in order to visit France, Haiti, England, Italy, Switzerland, and Belgium.

On November 26, 1951, the American Embassy, Paris, France, furnished information to the Department of State reflecting that the subject was maintaining residence in Paris, and that the Embassy had received information indicating that the subject was willing to go to any length in order to attract attention to the problem of racial discrimination in general and to its manifestations in the United States in particular. It was further stated that the subject has been using as an instrument for his publicity, a group to which he has given the name of "Franco-American Fellowship."

*WIFE, NICKNAME - WRIGHT*  
On February 21, 1952, the subject's Passport Number 122 was renewed for two years at the American Embassy, London, England. At the time of renewal, subject stated he was residing at 28 Glenlucce, London, England, and pursuing the occupation of writer.

On February 23, 1954, Passport Number 2536 was issued to the subject at the American Embassy, Paris, France. In his application for that passport, the subject stated he was residing with his wife, FREDA PCPULOWICZ, and two children, JULIA WRIGHT, born April 15, 1942 at Brooklyn, New York, and RACHEL WRIGHT, born January 17, 1949 at Paris, France.

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There was no additional pertinent information contained in the subject's passport file.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/4/58

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-15433)

SUBJECT: RICHARD WRIGHT  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Being forwarded herewith to the Bureau are four copies and to New York three copies of the report of SA [redacted] WFO, dated 4/4/58.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Copies of passport application photo of subject and his wife will be forwarded to New York via routing slip.

This case was called to the attention of WFO by ROBERT JOHNSON, Chief, Legal Section, Passport Office, Department of State.

ENCLOSURE  
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Assistant Attorney General Warren E. Hearnes  
Criminal Division

December 2, 1953

Director, FBI

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP, INC.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
Your Reference 149-1022  
FBI File 100-146984

*Richard Wright*

Reference is made to your memorandum of  
November 20, 1953, bearing the initials NO:RBC and,  
in which you requested that certain individuals  
be interviewed in detail relative to the  
captioned organization.

Pursuant to your request, efforts  
are being made to conduct these interviews and  
the results will be promptly furnished to you  
upon receipt.

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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cc - Bufile [redacted]  
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On July 28, 1944, the New York "Herald Tribune" published an article entitled "Negro Article Criticized Reds as Intolerant" in which Wright was reported to have stated that his Communist Party membership roughly covered the period from the latter part of 1932 or early part of 1933 to 1940, a his early association with the Communists in Chicago was broken in 1937 when, he said, he was "ejected" from the Party. Wright stated that he was re-instated in 1937 and maintained a relationship with the Party until 1940. However, Wright's name appeared frequently in the "Daily Worker" during 1941 and 1942. Wright was reported to be a member of the American Committee to Save Refugees as of March 6, 1942, and on September 16, 1942, he was listed as one of the officers of the League of American Writers advocating a second front for Europe. The American Committee to Save Refugees has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of March 29, 1944, and the League of American Writers has been cited as Communist by the Attorney General.

The August, 1944, issue of the "Atlantic Monthly" published an article entitled "I Tried to be a Communist" in which Wright discussed his earliest experiences as a Communist Party member in Chicago and touched upon the problems he faced in trying to present his own ideas to the Party. As a result considerable publicity was given Wright's articles in the "Daily Worker" newspaper. In his column entitled "New Times," published in the August 6, 1944, issue of the "Daily Worker," Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., referred to Wright and to what he called Wright's "public and wholly unjustifiable attack on the Communists." Davis referred to Wright's claim of withdrawing from the Communists in 1940, and asked why Wright waited until 1944 to make his break public. Davis inquired whom Wright was trying to impress and indicated that Wright's attitude was a form of super-leftism.

Wright left the United States for France in May, 1946 and there is no indication in our files reflecting that he has ever returned to the United States.

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An individual who lives in Paris, France, advised in December, 1951, that Wright retained his United States citizenship and lived off his book royalties from American sales. He reported that he had attended a meeting which was a "Communist front" and which was generally critical of American policies, racial and foreign. This meeting was attended by Wright who had publicly renounced Communism, but he was as much a Communist as he had ever been. (u)

On December 16, 1951, another Governmental agency conducting intelligence investigations reported that the Franco-American Fellowship Group was organized almost entirely by Richard Wright, American writer, 14 Monsieur Le Prince, Paris, France, immediately after World War II, and was supposed to be a sponsorship for young writers, artists, and poets who were students in France. At the time of its organization several of the students had made statements to the effect that the group was "leftist" in the nature of its discussions. According to the informant, Wright and his group were the targets of attacks from one James Baldwin, a young Negro writer who was a student in Paris. Baldwin attacked the hatred themes of the Wright writings and the attempt of the Franco-American Fellowship Group to perpetuate "Uncle Tom Literature Methods." (u)

On December 10, 1951, an American citizen, then living in Paris, advised that her niece, who was a student, had been invited to join the Franco-American Fellowship Group by Richard Wright, who stated that the group was composed of "militant persons" interested in the welfare of the American Negro. According to the informant, the niece attended one meeting of the organization and came to the conclusion that despite its denials of Communism, the group espoused the Communist Party line as the girl had known it in the United States. (u)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as the result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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To : DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

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Subject: First Congress of the Presence Africaine

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SUMMARY

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A Congress of Scholars of the Negro World, sponsored by the leftist Presence Africaine, is scheduled to take place in Paris September 19-22, 1955. Richard Wright, American negro on the Executive Committee of the Presence Africaine and former Communist Party member, believes that, through a careful selection of the American Delegation to the Congress, the leftist tendencies of the Congress can be neutralized. Mr. FIGUET, Political Advisor in the French Ministry of Overseas Territories, believes the importance of the Congress should not be underestimated and that every attempt should be made to preserve the orientation of the Presence Africaine to the West.

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The Presence Africaine, which describes itself as a Cultural Review of the Black World, is a bimonthly publication, now in its seventh year. The founder and publisher of the Presence Africaine is Mr. Alioune DIOP, a rather liberal but strongly Catholic negro, formerly a resident of Dakar but now living in Paris. The orientation of the articles appearing in the Presence Africaine appears to be definitely to the left. Aine GESAIRE, Communist Deputy from Martinique and a poet, and Rene DEPRESTRE, a Haitian and alleged to be a member of the Communist Party, are both contributing members of the Committee for Presence Africaine. Other Committee members include: A. ADANDE, S. O. BOUTOU, A. BRYDI, A. K. DUSLA, B. D'ED, B. FIELE, A. FRATELLI, H. Paulin JOACHIE, J. KI, Sengat KUO, D. MADESSI, Nicol DAVIDSON, NYUMAI, OMOIA, Ray AUERA, A. SADJI, and A. WADE.

The Embassy has been informed that Presence Africaine for a time received a subsidy from the French Government which was subsequently discontinued because of the leftist anti-colonial and generally irresponsible nature of its editorial policy.

The December 1955-January 1956 issue of Presence Africaine carried, among its advertisements, "An Appeal to Black Writers and Artists", printed in both French and English, which constituted an open invitation to the Congress of Scholars of the Negro World, scheduled to take place in Paris, September 19-22, 1955. The invitation bore the names of eighteen people comprising the Executive Committee for the Congress. A mimeographed reprint of the invitation, copy of which is being enclosed (1) to this despatch, was subsequently addressed to the reporting officer. It will be noted that the United States members of the Executive Committee include Louis LOMAX, Josephine BAKER, and Richard WRIGHT.

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On his own initiative, Mr. Wright called at the Embassy to express certain concern over the leftist tendencies of the Executive Committee for the Congress. He believed the members of the Committee were liberal thinkers and he thought there was a distinct danger that the Communists might exploit the Congress to their own ends. Many members of the Presence Africaine, he said, were in search of an ideal they could not obtain and as such would be fertile ground for Communist exploitation. To counteract such a tendency, Mr. Wright wondered if the Embassy could assist him in suggesting possible American negro delegates who are relatively well known for their cultural achievements and who could combat the leftist tendencies of the Congress. Mr. Wright, the Department will recall, was himself formerly a member of the Communist Party. He indicated that he was originally on the Committee of the Presence Africaine but that he had been dropped recently because of his present anti-Communist principles. However, Mr. Wright's name was retained on the list of hosts for the forthcoming Congress.

By coincidence, Dr. Francis M. HARRIS, Minorities Affairs Adviser, Office of Policy and Programs, with USIA in Washington, was in Paris shortly after Mr. Wright's visit to the Embassy. Dr. Harris kindly submitted the following names of possible delegates to the Congress, names which were subsequently turned over to Mr. Wright:

CARPER, Elmer A.

Address: 233 Broadway, N. Y. C.; Columnist; State Commission against Discrimination.

LEWIS, Theophilus

For ten years contributor to weekly magazine, "America".

REDDIE, Saunders

Professor of English at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia; formerly held Leader Grant; author of "No Day of Triumph" and "An American in India".

ROBINSON, Rev. James H.

Minister of Presbyterian Church of the Master, 150th Street and Morningside Avenue, N. Y. C. Has written several books on Africa.

ROMAN, Carl

Writer; has held Leader Grant; representative for "Minneapolis Star Tribune"; attended Bandung Conference; has visited Africa; author of "The Pitiful and the Proud", due to be published in April, 1955.

SCHUYLER, George

New York editor of "Pittsburgh Courier"; anti-Communist editor in Negro Press; has traveled widely.

Mr. Wright appreciated the suggestions furnished him by the Embassy and added these names to a list of suggested delegates he had himself composed and had already

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forwarded to Mr. Ray WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Wright, in forwarding the list of names to Mr. Wilkins, suggested that Mr. Wilkins might work closely with the Department before sounding out each individual on his willingness to serve as a member of the American Delegation.

Mr. Wright's list included the following names:

ELLISON, Ralph

Novelist and former Salzburg Seminar lecturer, now writing in Italy on a prix-de-Rome.

HINES, Chester

Novelist from Ohio.

HUGHES, Langston

Poet, novelist, and author of children's stories.

ROGERS, J. A.

Popular historian from New York City.

ROMAN, Carl

Reporter for Minneapolis Star and Tribune

SMITH, William Gardner

Novelist and journalist; currently employed in Paris on Far Eastern Desk of Agence France Presse.

TOLSON, Melvin B.

Poet Laureate of Liberia; professor of English at Langston University, Oklahoma; son is Fulbright Fellow in Paris.

The works of Mr. Hines, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Smith, whose names appear in the above list, have been translated into French, as have the works of Mr. Wright.

Mr. Mike JOSSELSOHN, American Executive Secretary of the Congress for Cultural Freedom, has expressed considerable interest in the forthcoming Congress of the Presence Africaine and has called at the Embassy, on the suggestion of Mr. Wright, to discuss the implications and to offer his collaboration in combatting Communist influences.

Mr. Leon PIGNON, Political Adviser in the French Ministry of Overseas Territories, said he felt that the Presence Africaine represented an increasingly important group, a group of liberal thinkers who might well be led down the Communist path. Mr. Pignon felt that every effort should be made to orient the group toward the West. Mr. Pignon said he was glad that the Congress was scheduled to take place in Paris this year but he thought it likely that, unless appropriate steps were taken, next year's Congress might be held in Prague.

Enclosure:

Reprint of Presence Africaine, invitation  
Dec., 1955-Jan., 1956 issue.

Robert P. Joyce  
Counselor of Embassy

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## AN APPEAL TO BLACK WRITERS AND ARTISTS

For the first time in history, Negro Writers and Artists are going to take the initiative in meeting together and in ascertaining how they are situated and what their specific responsibilities in the world are.

Coloured men all the world over are of opinion that the liberation of the initiative of peoples must enrich human culture to no mean degree. Such a liberation enables man to be more fully conscious of the exact relationship between all beings. It is in man's nature to reveal his dimensions solely by self-expression and not by leaving it to others to express his real self. While techniques are finishing off the measuring of the world's total limits, it is art generated by the free-will of peoples that will delineate, the innermost aspects of non-European human groups. Censoring the cultural appetites of our countries would have been unfair and impoverishing. Likewise it would have been harmful to science to willfully ignore a whole fraction of the animal, vegetable or mineral kingdom.

But it is not culture alone that will derive benefit from our free initiative. Peace of any kind remains unobtainable if its formula does not integrate the real aspirations of peoples formerly considered as minors. All the same, they must be heard and recognized.

Hence the responsibility of the scholar. He is the animator of modern society, since his calling requires him to shed light on everyone's cultural vocation; in other words he has to reveal to and develop in everyone a sense of his solidarity with other men and the world.

The Negro World, the most neglected by history, is not the last to aspire after the exercise of its cultural responsibilities. Our civilizations, because they hadn't thought it fitting to engrave their laws on brass monuments, are reaping the rich disdain of others. If we days, the expression of cultural life being necessary to the safeguard of any civilization, we feel more acutely than others the urgency of revealing ourselves to the world. And first of all, the urgency of introducing ourselves to each other.

Negro Scholars don't know each other. They have not yet taken up the measurements of their respective possibilities nor of their common lot. They are scattered and often isolated in surroundings where their personality is not sufficiently turned to profit.

Since nobody has yet assessed the whole contribution of Negroes to mankind's heritage, the task of describing it and defining the genius of their peoples is up to them.

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Only a Congress can face a task of such magnitude. This task is so important that the more one is representative by his talent and ability, the less he may evade it.

Artists, historians or poets, theologians, scientists, or thinkers, we are requesting you to take up your original mission in this our common task and examine together with us the following programme:

- 1) How Negroes of culture stand.
- 2) The contribution of Negroes to human culture.
- 3) Themes, styles, forms that typify our people's genius.
- 4) What relations are to be established with the modern world of culture.
- 5) What diffusion should be given to the works of authors.
- 6) Aid to young writers and artists.

The first Congress of Scholars of the Negro World will be held in Paris from the 19th to the 22nd September 1955.

Negro peoples and friendly ones are invited to uphold and help our undertaking, just as scholars of the Negro World are invited to back our plan by their signature and active cooperation.

Writers and Artists are invited to the Congress in mere consideration of their talent.

Peter ABRAMIS	(Afrique du Sud)
Louis ARSEROING	(U.S.A.)
Kofi ANTUANI	(Gold Coast)
Babib BENGLIA	(Soudan)
Professor BUSIA	(Gold Coast)
Professor BICRAIN	(Nigeria)
Josephine BAKER	(U.S.A.)
Aime CESAIRE	(Martinique)
Rene DEPOSERE	(Haiti)
Cyprien EKEMISI	(Nigeria)
Ben ENJOEJU	(Nigeria)
Mr. ELLAS	(Nigeria)
Raul IHAZOUNE	(Dahomey)
Rene KAPAU	(Martinique)
Davidson NICOL	(Sierra Leone)
Leopold Sedar SENGHOR	(Senegal)
Amos TUTUOLA	(Nigeria)
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NAME CHECK

RICHARD WRIGHT *SUR. MARY*  
Born: September 4, 1908  
Natchez, Mississippi

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NAME CHECK

Reference is made to your request for copies of investigative reports in the event the captioned individual has been investigated by this Bureau.

In response to your request, there are attached six reports in the case entitled "Richard Nathaniel Wright," which appear to relate to the subject of your inquiry. (100-157464)

In addition, you are referred to the memorandum entitled "Richard Wright," dated July 8, 1954, which was previously furnished to your agency.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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and one to USIA  
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USIA, requested a search for main file that only copies of investigative reports of the investigation were requested. Reason for request People-to-People Partnership (formerly President World Understanding).

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>4/17/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>3/18, 20/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD WRIGHT</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>	Typed By: <b>bsb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

**Synopsis:**

On 2/13/58, at American Embassy, Paris, France, subject executed a sworn statement in which he stated he had been a member of the Communist Party from 1932 to 1942. He previously submitted detailed sworn statement at Paris on 9/16/54, in which he stated his disaffiliation with the Communist Party came about because of a series of ideological disputes with communist officials. On 2/13/58, subject executed application for passport at Paris, France, in which he stated he has resided outside the United States since September, 1949, and that his date of return to the United States is indefinite. On 2/21/58, Department of State authorized issuance of passport to subject.

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**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

On March 18, 1958, Miss MARY BARRY, Legal Section, Passport Office, Department of State, made available to SA [REDACTED] the passport file of RICHARD WRIGHT. A review of that file disclosed the following information:

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July 27, 1955

RICHARD WRIGHT *Summary*  
Born: September 4, 1908  
Natchez, Mississippi

*Richard Wright*

In response to your name check request, you are referred to FBI investigative reports furnished your agency in the case entitled "Richard Nathaniel Wright; Internal Security - C" furnished your agency on October 25, 1944, concerning the subject of your name check request.

Transmitted herewith is an FBI investigative report in the case entitled "Richard Nathaniel Wright; Security Matter - C" concerning the subject of your name check request.

On October 21, 1942, Wright's name appeared on the list of the "Committee to Free Earl Browder," which was published in the March 21, 1942, issue of the "People's Voice." The "People's Voice" has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, as among the publications found "to be Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be within the Stalin Solar System."

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Wright left the United States for France in May, 1946, and there is no indication in our files reflecting that he has ever returned to the United States.

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An individual who lives in Paris, France, advised in December, 1951, that Wright retained his United States citizenship and lived off his book royalties from American sales. He reported that he had attended a meeting which was a "Communist front" and which was generally critical of American policies, racial and foreign. This meeting was attended by Wright and it was the informant's opinion that even though Wright had publically renounced Communism, he was as much a Communist as he had ever been. (u)

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per Army letter 1/8/52

[REDACTED] (100-157464-31)  
On December 16, 1951, another Governmental agency conducting intelligence investigations reported that the Franco - American Fellowship Group was organized almost entirely by Richard Wright, American writer, 14 Monsieur Le Prince, Paris, France, immediately after World War II, and was supposed to be a sponsorship for young writers, artists, and poets who were students in France. At the time of its organization several of the students had made statements to the effect that the group was "Leftist" in the nature of its discussions. According to the informant, Wright and his group were the targets of attacks from one James Baldwin, a young Negro writer who was a student in Paris. Baldwin attacked the hatred themes of the Wright's writings and the attempt of the Franco - American Fellowship Group to Perpetuate "Uncle Tom Literature Methods." (u)

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COM **RICHARD WRIGHT**

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Reference is made to your specific request for information reflecting captioned individuals defection from the Communist Party.

A review of our files reflects that a security-type investigation was conducted during 1943-1946 on a Richard Nathaniel Wright, who is identical with the captioned individual. Wright was born on September 4, 1908, in Natchez, Mississippi. He claims eight years of elementary school education and professes experience as a novelist, playwright, poet, and newspaper reporter. In 1935 he worked on the Federal Writers Project in Chicago and sold articles and short stories to magazines. In 1937 he worked on the same project in New York City. At that time he also did some work for the "Daily Worker" and became a contributing editor of the "New Masses." Both of these publications have been cited as organs of the Communist Party by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, January 3, 1939.

On March 21, 1942, Wright's name appeared on the list of the "Committee to Free Earl Browder," which was published in the March 21, 1942, issue of the "People's Voice." The "People's Voice" has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, as among the publications found "to be Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system"

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Note: USIA requested additional information and Richard Wright in connection with USIA employee [redacted] USIA specifically requested information re Communist Party defection by Wright [redacted]

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- Tolson
- Boardman
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Tracy
- Mohr
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Miss Gandy

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NOTE TO SAC's Chicago, Los Angeles, Mobile, and New York

For the assistance of all offices receiving copies of instant communication, there is attached a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum dated November 20, 1953, which was received from the Department as well as a copy of the petition filed by the Attorney General with the Subversive Activities Control Board seeking to cause the registration of the captioned organization.

Bureau files reflect that each of the individuals referred to in the attachment is well known to the office in the area in which he is believed to reside.

In the absence of any information in your files which would make such action inadvisable, Bureau authority is granted to conduct the requested interviews.

In view of the distinct possibility that the hearing relative to the captioned organization before the Subversive Activities Control Board will commence in the near future, it is desired that the results of your action in this regard be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination to the Department to reach the Bureau no later than December 17, 1953.

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August 12, 1953

RICHARD WRIGHT

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In answer to your inquiry set forth in reference communication, we have no objection to your furnishing information previously furnished by us concerning Richard Wright, providing that we are in no way indicated as the source of the information. You are further advised that the identity of the sources furnishing the information contained in our memorandum to you cannot be divulged.

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 London, England

1 - Foreign Service Desk

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(C-2; 100-157464-5, 13)

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Wright was classified as 4-F during World War II because of a severe psycho-neurosis. His interest in the problems of the Negro was almost an obsession. (100-157464-15)

Wright left the United States for France in May, 1946, and there is no indication in our files reflecting that he has ever returned to the United States.

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It should be noted that whereas RICHARD WRIGHT continues to maintain an anti-Stalinist position since his expulsion from the CPUSA, he has wittingly or not been serving Communist propaganda ends by frequent contributions to neutralist publications such as L'Observateur and particularly by his insistence on portraying abroad only the seamy side of the race question in the United States. While flirting with Titoism and Sartre-ism, he has maintained a position, so far as the East-West conflict is concerned, tantamount to 'a plague on both your houses.' [REDACTED] with WRIGHT has been close, and although it is possible that their political philosophies are much alike, [REDACTED] background as well as his writings indicate the likelihood of a discreet tie-in with the Stalinist camp itself, which is not the case with WRIGHT. [REDACTED]

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Following is a copy of a Confidential Despatch, prepared by Mr. William A. Crawford, Political Section, American Embassy, under date of February 21, 1952; concerning the above subject;

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Regimental, 6th C.C. Detachment, 470 St. B. Army

3 January, 1952

II-F-512

MEMO, Richard D.

For as they have been able to discover, the group was devoting all of its time to very uncontrolled discussion of the kind of that were wrong with the United States. Some of the members of the group (Francis American Fellow-ship Group) frequented the chess club and were recognized as Communist Party members. I stated that a Willie [redacted] known as a newspaper reporter, was also one of the most interested members. But a girl lives with a white woman who formerly worked for the American Information Section of Armed Forces Information Station. I stated that this woman had been since because of Communist Party activities. [redacted] who has a narrow view to military reservation in Germany, is a fool that these people are and exploit. [redacted] stated that [redacted] stated that, if one has a lot of money, loyalty elsewhere, it was better to stay away from the group and the fellow in Germany. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has started that as one of the state department in my pocket-the call as in for conferences, the social.

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Corbin II, 644 EIC Detachment, 470 St. W. Army, II-7-512

WRIGHT, Richard D.

York) with cocktails, literary conversation and jazz, just like a novel by  
H.D. Thoreau.

The magazine "The New York Review" which includes among the Board of Directors such  
illustrious persons as Jean-Paul Sartre, Richard Wright, William Faulkner,  
Tennessee Williams, Stuart Gilbert, etc., is a magazine devoted to "young writers"  
and more over 35 will be accepted as contributors.

Under the auspices of the magazine, a jury composed of Jean-Paul Sartre,  
Richard Wright, Stuart Gilbert, and I. L. R. celebrated American literary  
critic, will award the prize in July to the best published work of an American or  
French writer. The very attractive prize will be a month's trip to Paris or New  
York, depending on the nationality of the winner.

On 24 December 1951, [redacted] (b-2)  
[redacted] stated that a colored man named (SNU) [redacted] stated that  
one (SNU) [redacted] employed by the American Express Company was passing out  
Communist literature at the American Express Company and had been seen giving  
this literature to military personnel. [redacted] had identified [redacted] as a member  
of the Communist Group of artists and writers that Richard Wright has organized  
in Paris. A man named [redacted] recentist for Mr. (SNU) [redacted] Vice-  
President of the American Express, has been used by these people to secure work in  
France on a "faked passport".

On 24 December 1951, [redacted] (b-6)  
[redacted] made the following statement in substance:  
Richard Wright is active in the Communist Party in France and has been  
employed in Paris in the Communist Section through the Franco-American Fellowship  
Group. Mr. Richard Wright is the active Communist member of the family  
and has made a point of insulting Negro personnel who hold views other than  
Communist. [redacted] has known Wright since his first appearance in Paris. Wright  
was invited to France by the French Government at the instigation of the Communist  
Group on the Government. Wright organized the Franco-American Fellowship  
Group and held lectures, meetings, and the like. Among the latter discussed  
was the "matters of ball street capitalism". Wright asked [redacted] to join the  
organization but, inasmuch as [redacted] did not join any [redacted] was not  
accepted. However, two men who were working for the [redacted] (Paris Fight Club)  
at the time did join the Franco-American Fellowship Group; namely, Al [redacted]  
[redacted] and Al [redacted]. Three men attended the meeting and reported that, as  
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3 - C. C. Central [redacted]  
2 - Mr. [redacted]

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WRIGHT, Richard D.

On 12 December 1951, the following article appeared in the "Tram" (Tramway) of the L.S.F. in its 10th issue, 10,000 francs for the widow of L.S.F., the (L.S.F.) and finally executed.

The 10th issue winner of the "Peace Award" for 1951, Ensign, Director of the Department of the Air Force, was received by the (L.S.F.) and finally executed. In the presence of (L.S.F.) and (L.S.F.), the (L.S.F.) and (L.S.F.) were given 10,000 francs, collected by the L.S.F. for the widow and the children of L.S.F. (L.S.F.), the (L.S.F.) recently executed for his last "peace" a wide screen.

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In the envelope containing the information was another envelope, from which I extracted a card (for return) inscribed: "I shall (shall not) be able to attend the day story party...concerning the donation of the 2,500 francs per person, I check as enclosed to include...".

The "concerning the donation" was addressed to Mr. The idea, I suppose, is to attract notice of the article. I can't imagine any other... in your writer's mind, unless as visitors, check-attendants, or (L.S.F.)...

On Sunday, 15 December 1951, a cocktail party was held and the following is a translation of the report of the party according to "Comat", identified as a newspaper for "Intellectuals and Facilitators", dated 17 December 1951. The party was held at the (L.S.F.) and (L.S.F.) were given 10,000 francs, collected by the L.S.F. for the widow and the children of L.S.F. (L.S.F.), the (L.S.F.) recently executed for his last "peace" a wide screen.

At the center for International relations, war (L.S.F.), a member of French and American persons referred to the invitation of the "New Story", an American literary magazine, which was found in a French edition.

The atmosphere was very French (the St. domain is "Tram" of New (L.S.F.) and (L.S.F.) were given 10,000 francs, collected by the L.S.F. for the widow and the children of L.S.F. (L.S.F.), the (L.S.F.) recently executed for his last "peace" a wide screen.

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FRANCO-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP  
GROUP

On 16 December 1951, the following information concerning SUBJECT was given:

The FRANCO-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP OR UP was organized almost entirely by Richard WRIGHT, American writer, 11 Boulevard Le Prince, PARIS, France, immediately after the war (WW II), and was supposed to be a sponsorship for young writers, artists and poets who were students in France. WRIGHT, whose works are widely read in France and have been translated into most European languages, was supposed to be the "Patron of Art" and arrange soldier and affairs that were to be international in character to effect the introduction of the Americans and their French counterparts. At the inception of the group, WRIGHT and the management of the Inez (Inez CANTON, Al "Pat" CANTON, and Al "Pat" CANTON) were very friendly and many of the youngsters, particularly the music crowd, came to the Inez. WRIGHT met many of the youngsters and invited them to the affairs that the FRANCO-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP OR UP sponsored, such as dances, parties, readings, and occasional parties. Even at that time, several of the students made statements to the effect that the group was "leftist" in the nature of its discussions and that the members who defended the French and American concept of democracy were not given the same hearings as the "Trotskyists" and "left" partisans. Many of the social affairs were failures and later (especially in the last year) most of the American students, the "Talesy Crew" (identified as Americans who are tourists and RCA, Marshall Plan employees, and military (MILITARY) members) have completely avoided the WRIGHT group as one that is more "left" than not. The principal members of the FRANCO-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP OR UP have been identified as Richard WRIGHT, Jay WRIGHT, retired American Customs official, and about 7, 47 Rue Clichy, PARIS, France; (son) WRIGHT, American Express employee; Bob WRIGHT, American Express Company; and Jack WRIGHT, founder of the "Trotskyist" Movement. Lately there has been a break between the Inez Inez personnel and the WRIGHT group because WRIGHT tested them (the Inez Inez group) for his movie "Native Son", which was made in South American and then did not employ any of them in the picture. WRIGHT and his group have been the targets of attacks from one JACK WRIGHT, young negro writer who is a student in PARIS, having come over on a scholarship given by the American Publishing Company. JACK WRIGHT attacks the hatred themes of the WRIGHT writings and the attempt of the FRANCO-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP OR UP to permeate "Uncle Tom's Literature" when the day has come for a more "realistic and analytical" approach to the American Negro Problem.

On 20 December 1951, [REDACTED] Tourist [REDACTED] New York, now living at Hotel Crystal, 25 Rue St. Louis, PARIS, France, volunteered the following information in substance: (continued)

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FRANK-ALFRED FRIEDRICH  
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A niece of FRIEDRICH is an art student in the Commercial Art School of the Cite University of Paris and has been in PARIS since February 1951. When the niece first came to PARIS, she was invited to join the FRANK-ALFRED FRIEDRICH GROUP by Richard WRIGHT, who stated that the group was composed of "militant persons" interested in the welfare of the American Negro. WRIGHT stressed that the group was not a Communist Organization, but solely a "militant group". FRIEDRICH's niece attended one meeting and came to the conclusion, from the chatter of the uncontrolled meeting, that it was chaotic rather than militant and, despite the denial of Communist label, was a group that certainly espoused the Communist line as the girl had heard it in the United States. FRIEDRICH stated that her niece had not returned to any of the meetings and that she (FRIEDRICH) was not anxious to meet Richard WRIGHT.

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Date: February 4, 1952

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To: Director, FBI

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: FRANCO-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP  
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Attached for the Bureau's information is one copy of a Region IX 66th CIC Detachment report dated January 3, 1952 regarding the above captioned group. Also attached is one copy of a report dated January 3, 1952, also prepared by Region IX, regarding RICHARD D. WRIGHT organizer of the captioned group. One copy of each of these reports is being furnished to the LEGAT, Paris, France with a copy of this letter. (u)

No further action is contemplated in this matter by CIC but any additional information which may be received will be forwarded.

cc - Paris (Encl-2) VIA AIR POUCH  
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RICHARD WRIGHT  
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The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM:

NAME OF PERSON OR FIRM

WRIGHT, Richard

DATE OF BIRTH

9-4-08

PLACE OF BIRTH

Hutchins,  
Miss

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SEX

ADDRESS

OCCUPATION

EMPLOYER

TYPE OF INFORMATION DESIRED

- ☐ All information  
☐ Derogatory

CITIZENSHIP STATUS

NAT. CERT. NO.

MARITAL STATUS

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS

REPLY

- ☐ Material attached  
☐ No record  
☐ No derogatory information  
☐ Other

OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE

NAMES OF LEADERS OR SPONSORS OR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ANSWERED BY REPORT

17121-- 2-9-43 at n.y.  
5-28-43 at n.y.  
6-9-44 at n.y.  
7-8-44 at n.y.  
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Region IX, 66th CIC Detachment, APO SF US Army

4 December 1951

File: IX-F-489

On the 29 November 1951, [REDACTED]

made in substance the following statement:

[REDACTED] is a member of the American Society of Composers and Publishers (ASCAP) and several other musical composer groups which is mentioned in the course of conversation. [REDACTED] stated that, at the time when he first planned his trip abroad, the groups had been very cooperative in aiding him and had promised an advance payment on royalties to tide over SOURCE until the next period of royalty payments. (SUBJECT stated that the arrangement is for the composers to put all collection of royalties into the hands of the musicians groups and then these groups pay monthly allotments to the composers; these allotments are dependent upon the payment of royalties for arrangements by the composers but a deposit is retained and a fund built up to assure payments over a period of years when the music composer is no longer popular.) Suddenly, on the day prior to the departure date of SOURCE, the promised check was received but was neither the amount promised nor requested by SOURCE. SOURCE stated that he tried to find out why there had been a sudden change in the attitude of the group; he was told that the music groups saw no reason why he should come over-seas, and there had been a hesitancy to allot money to him to be used for a trip at the time. SOURCE suspected that such was due to the fact that he had complained to the "White House" in a personal letter about some subversive activities of the groups to which he belonged. SOURCE stated that it had seemed to him that LOU LUTY, husband of one of the Andrew Sisters, had made a great effort to "push" some composers who were Russian and others who were very pro-Communist. SOURCE is of the opinion that funds paid to Russian composers as such was a very good cover to transfer dollar credits to the Soviet government; he further said that he had written a letter to the White House calling attention to the preferential treatment given to these pro-Communist members of the composers. A lot more of the same tenor followed.

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Then SOURCE stated that after reaching France he had used the American Express as a mailing address. Furthermore, he had asked one (1) of the French girls who worked at the American Express to give personal attention to his mail so that it would be forwarded to him on a planned trip to KOLZ. [REDACTED] arrived in France in June, went to England in August, and had been in Paris continuously since September. [REDACTED] stated that he had arranged to meet the girl and to make a financial arrangement with her on Monday, 26 November 1951; however, on Friday or Saturday, 23 or 24 Nov 51, Richard WRIGHT had held a

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Date: January 8, 1952

~~SECRET~~ - ARMY COURIER

To: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: George A. VanNoy

Subject: RICHARD WRIGHT;

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Attached for the Bureau's information and for the information of the Legal Attache, Paris, France are two copies of a report dated December 4, 1951, prepared by Region IX, 66th CIC Detachment which sets out information furnished by [redacted]

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SUBJ: [REDACTED]

MEMBER of the ASAC, [REDACTED] receives mail in care of the American Express Company, Paris as he had moved several times, largely because he has not paid his rent; he gave the explanation that checks were sent to him from the US on schedule but time periods exceeded amount of cash on hand so that SOURCE was forced to move often; Afterwards he would catch up on the bills when his checks arrived.

2. SOURCE seemed sincere and sounded much more coherent than the written report seems to indicate. SOURCE volunteered the information, explaining that he was seeking money or any remuneration but wanted to do his patriotic duty. One thing seemed strange — that was the anti-Semitic tone of his statements. SOURCE referred to Col. MCCORMICK as a "great American" and expressed approval of the editorial policies of that section of the American press. SOURCE seemed to be well versed in the attachment of various persons to Communist groups and promised that any proof of the statements or suspicions which he could obtain would be gladly given to Military Intelligence.

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3. Department of Veterans Affairs, US Embassy, Paris, verified that there is a record of one [REDACTED] and record will be searched for information.

4. It is possible that SOURCE may have a "mental quirk" which would account for the attempt of the Society of Composers to keep him in America. Yet a word to the Passport section would have accomplished this. Intriguing matter and the information given reference 429 ties in with the original information.

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SUBJ: [REDACTED]

meeting of a fellowship organization of American and French artists, writers, theatrical people, and others at the house of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] attended the meeting at the invitation of CLIFFORD and there saw the French woman employee of the American Express. She told SOURCE that the meeting was a communist front and that she did not belong but had only come out of deference to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he had observed the meeting and the tenor of the conversation which had been generally critical of the American policies, racial and foreign. SOURCE expressed the opinion that WRIGHT, who has publicly avowed Communist leanings, is as much a communist as he ever had been. [REDACTED] stated that the French girl came to him early on Monday morning, 26 Nov 51, and stated that it would be impossible for her to keep the planned appointment with SOURCE as "something" had come up. [REDACTED] stated that one of the persons at the meeting had probably told the girl to avoid him because of the fact that he is considered a "stool-pigeon" for anti-subversive persons. [REDACTED] did not know who this could have been but suspected that Richard WRIGHT would have been in an ideal position to do this as WRIGHT was a friend of Paul ROBESON and Mrs. ROBESON and at one time Mrs. ROBESON had asked [REDACTED] help in getting a script sold at the Warner Brothers Studio. SOURCE had taken the script in and offered it to the Warner script department but had been told that "he should stick to writing music and let the Red element alone."

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[REDACTED] stated that WRIGHT had made a picture in South America early this year and since has lost a lot of money promoting a dance group. WRIGHT had asked [REDACTED] to write more music for a new show which WRIGHT wanted to do in order to recoup his fortune. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that WRIGHT, who has kept his US citizenship and lives off book royalties from American sales, does not receive the whole-hearted cooperation of the French or Americans who are renouncing their US citizenship and working in France. SOURCE is of the opinion that the same persons who attempted to block his trip abroad have warned the subversive elements in Paris to watch SOURCE'S personal contacts and keep him from gathering any information which would reveal their activities. Among the discoveries which SOURCE made was that his music was being played in France and that the French agencies had been paying royalties to the American Society of Composers for twenty (20) years in his account. [REDACTED] explained that his trip to England was to spend the royalties which could not be taken from that country (in excess of twenty-eight (28) pounds sterling).

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

July 20, 1945

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[Redacted]  
c/o General Delivery  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 4, 1945 with enclosures.

*To fix it -- no who?*  
The material which you have submitted has been carefully noted, and I want to thank you for your interest and courtesy in writing to this Bureau.

In the event you receive additional information which you believe to be of interest to the FBI, I want you to feel free to communicate with the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 900 Security Building, Los Angeles 13, California.

Very truly yours,



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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

RICHARD WRIGHT

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter dated June 18, 1945, received from [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California.

This matter is being referred to you as a matter of possible interest. b7c

CC: Assistant Attorney General Herbert Wechsler, War Division

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Assistant Attorney General T. L. Gaudle  
Criminal Division

October 4, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

RICHARD WRIGHT

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter dated  
September 21, 1945, received from [REDACTED]  
Dallas, Texas.

This letter is being referred to you as a matter of possible  
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cc-Assistant Attorney General Herbert Wechsler  
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Dallas, Texas

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated  
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The content of your letter has been carefully noted, and I  
want you to know that your interest and courtesy in writing to this  
Bureau are very much appreciated. Also I want to thank you for the  
complimentary remarks concerning the work of this Bureau.

In the event you receive additional information which you  
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communicate with me or the Special Agent in Charge of our Dallas  
Field Division located at 1318 Mercantile Bank Building, Dallas, Texas.

Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/18/46</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/5, 12, 14/46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD NATHANIEL WRIGHT</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject, negro, resides 82 Washington Place, NYC. Free lance writer, presently working on novel. AGENCY REC'D 11/12/46. Left U.S. for France, May 1946, with return set for Sept. 1946. Reason for trip unknown. BORT REP'T FORM 9/4/08, Natchez, Miss. Broke with CP due to failure to recognize and deal with problems in society. BY [REDACTED] b7c

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Bureau letter to SACs, #28, 1946 Series, 3/12/46  
Bureau letter, 5/7/45

**DETAILS:**

The records of Selective Service Board #178, 44 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that as of March 21, 1946, the subject's address was apartment 3F, 82 Washington Place, New York City, where he resided with his wife. This file also contained a letter dated April 14, 1946, wherein WRIGHT advised he planned to leave the United States on May 1, 1946, for a period of three months in France. The reason for this trip was not given in his letter. b7c

A pretext telephone call was made to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was ascertained that the last book the subject wrote was "Black Boy". At the present time he is writing a novel, but the completion date was unknown. It was learned that the subject had left the United States for France around May 1, 1946, and it was believed he would return to this country in September of this year. The reason for the subject's trip was not

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 Bureau 3 New York <i>cc: [REDACTED] 11-18-46</i> <i>COPY IN [REDACTED]</i>		100-157464-26 30 JUN 30 1946 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8-25-81 BY 8888/Tj/6	RECORD 11-18-46

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 18, 1946

FROM : *py.* SAC, New YorkSUBJECT: RICHARD NATHANIEL WRIGHT;  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York, June 18, 1946, wherein it was set forth that the subject is presently in France where he intends to remain until September, 1946.

In view of this fact, instant case is being reopened and placed in a pending inactive status in order that the subject's residence and activities may be checked upon his return to the United States.

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